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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1899.

GOOD NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

The news from Washington concerning the James river improvement is simply of Richmond had an interview yesterday with the Secretary of War, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and the Chief of Engineers of the Army, and received from them assurances that the measure to give Richmond a ship channel of twenty-five feet, together with necessary harbor improvements, would have their cordial support, which means that the necessary appropriation will be made.

If any other assurance were needed it is found in this, that the W. R. Trigg Shipbuilding Company will be awarded the contract for one of the new cruisers For our part we are not at all surprised at this news from Washington When the government gave the W. R. Tring Shipbuilding Company a contract

to build torpedo boats there was doubt, even in the minds of the officials in Washington, as to whether or not the so the contract was awarded. By and launching and President McKinley and members of his Cabinet came here to see the thing done. President McKinley was generous enough to say that he was very glad of the opportunity to partake of Richmond's hospitality, but Mr. McKin ley's visit here had a significance far beyond any mere matter of sociability.

themselves that it was a matter of sua ship-yard at Richmond where all the materials necessary to the building of mete from the seacoast and thoroughly protected against any possible surprise from the enemy. So the President and Secretary Long and Secretary Root and others came to Richmond and satisfied themselves that the only thing necessary to the establishment of such a shipyard was a ship channel from Richmond to the Chesapeake. This point settled, the President and his associates then and there determined, we feel sure, to urge upon Congress to make the neces-

No secret is now made of this fact. strengthening the ties of the Union, about doing something for the South that would convince the Southern people that the administration was friendly and recommended and made and this great work is to be done not for any such sentimental purposes. The administration has determined to have a ship-yard at Richmond because, as we have said, such a yard will be of incalculable advantage to the government, not to say a war ne-

sary appropriations.

We might go on and show what great benefits the industry will bring to Richmond, but it is not necessary. We think it not too much to predict that the Richmond ship-yard is destined to become one of the largest in the country, and everybody knows what that means

for this community. THE PURCHASE OF BONDS.

The action of Secretary Gage in offering to buy \$20,000,000 of government bonds seems to be a good business move on the part of the government, regardless of the incidental benefit of relieving the money pressure. The proposition is to pay 112 7-8 for 4 per cent, bonds of 1907, or 111 for 5 per cent bonds of 1994. The government must redeem these bonds sooner or later and nof withstanding the premium offered, a calculation of interest saved, balanced against the premium, shows an actual and considerable profit for the government. The government has a large surplus in its treasury which is not drawing interest, and it is good business to anticforme of the newspapers seem to be dispoxed to criticise Secretary Gage for pursuing this course, and of course there leaders of the gold standard in 1896, and

plain that the Secretary's action has eased the situation, and the more so because it is believed that Mr. Gage has casting that more of such bonds will be redeemed from time to time as there are actual accumulations in the treasury.

The Secretary is not concerned about the stock jobbers, but when money is tight in Wall Street it is tight in all parts of the country. It is like the rise and fall of Street is the index of monetary conditions of the whole country. Let any one who is disposed to question this statement ask his banker in Richmond and he will learn that it is almost impossible for money to be tighter in New York than it is in Richmond. But what a shame that money should

be tight anywhere. The country was make the greatest possible abundance of money if normal conditions only existed what it needs.

Until 1861 our banks were free to issue their currency notes when and as they by the operation. They prefer to struggle through the period of difficulty as best they can rather than run the risk of such a loss.

The present condition is what happens every fall, as this paper has so often pointed out. In the fall the cotton and grain crops are moved and this takes all the money of the country. In a month of two the demand for it will be over and all the money will be back in New York, and the country districts will be utterly destitute again.

A PLEA TO THE SOUTH.

General Grosvenor, of Ohlo, is credited going to be Bryan and free silver against McKinley and sound money. That is so clearly apparent now that no one needs

diagram to make it plainer." If General Grosvenor's prophecy that Mr. Bryan will be the candidate of the Democratic party be correct then his against McKinley and sound money is other party, as for that matter, free silas Mr. McKinley is almost certain to be the candidate for the Republican party it naturally follows that a free silver orm with Mr. Bryan on deck must be antagonized by a platform for sound money. This is a natural sequence,

However, we see no just reason yet to admit the correctness of General Grosvenor's premises. We may be a little optimistic, but we can but hope that there is yet a chance, a faint show it may be, but a chance nevertheless, that the Democratic party before the spring of the coming year may return to Democratic principles which, if we correctly und stand Democratic principles, will neces sarily preclude all idea of nominating Mr. Bryan and adopting a free silver, or more properly speaking, a Populist platform

It is to be admitted that if free coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 is to be the principle plank of he Democratic platform, Mr. Bryan will be the logical leader But will free coinage be the issue? The signs truly point that way now, but as we said yesterday the people have a habit of thinking sometimes for themselves After a while they tire of allowing political managers to do their thinking for them. May they not, during the few months yet intervening before the con-

vention period, think a bit? First, what of the recent elections? No man wants to always play a losing game, for men are prone to seek a place in the swim. That's human nature.

In the recent elections Ohio's vote means as plainly as anything can mean that it is impossible for free coinage to carry this nation. Mr. Bryan's vain effort to explain the election of Ohio away is one of the weakest of the many weak pleas that he is constantly putting before the public. The substance of it is that Jones, the Independent, took off so many Democratic votes that Nash, the Republican, was left in the majority. In the very next breath we hear him proclaiming that Hanna has been turned down by the voters at his own home who east their votes for Jones. In one breath he claims that Jones' vote was taken from the Democratic party, and in the next breath he claims that Hanna's Republicans quit him for Jones. But any one can see that it is absurd to claim that Jones' vote was taken from the Democratic party. Jones ran upon a platform that appeals to ignorant men of all parties, and in the absence of definite knowledge a fair minded man is compelled

discriminately from all parties. Nor can Mr. Bryan derive any sensible hope from the vote in either Maryland or Kentucky. Every one knows that national issues were absolutely ignored in Maryland. By common consent they were abundoned. Isador Raynor, who was elected Attorney-General of Maryland, was one of the most pronounced

to suppose that his vote was drawn in

interest of stock jobbers, but it is very ernor, was an open and avowed gold standard Democrat.

All men know that the vote in Kentucky was for and against Goebelism, thus established a precedent, thus fore- and that national issues had no part in it, except that Mr. Bryan's appearance in the State excited apprehension in the minds of many sensible men that a vote by Kentucky for Goebel might be interpreted as a vote for free silver, thereby causing them to vote against Goebel when they might otherwise have voted for him.

As we intimated yesterday, Mr. Bryan may be reckoning without his host when he assumes that the solid South will undoubtedly be for him in the next national Democratic convention. He must not assume that the solid South can be always relied upon to do something foolish, It may sometimes make a mistake-it has been known to-but its redeeming trait is, that sooner or later it partially or wholly rectifies the error.

We are not yet prepared to believe that the solid South, by which we mean the entire South, will again be guilty of the mistake of cutting loose from her old tried and true Democratic allies of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Indiana, for the rampant Populists of the

been guilty of inflicting upon herself a this dead body. Is it not time that we were severing the partisan chains that bind us to it?

Men of the South: prosperity is us, it is all around us. We have only to would hold us to despair and poverty? For humanity's sake break the chain and let's reap the benefits before us.

We had something to say a few days back regarding the announcement that our government had called upon the Eu ten statement that such of our rights a are secured to us by treaties with China would be respected in the future notwith a Mr. J. S. Fearon, in the Washingto Post, in regard to the matter;

The only ground of apprehension in meer from this source is real and im-ment. Russian absorption or the Chi-se empire means, beyond a doubt, the position of such differential duties on as already gooded Manchila.

Coupailon of Northern China is only the rejude to the extension of her domination of the rest of the country unless the inited States and Great Britain checknited States and Great Britain check and the her ambitious and selfish plans. "I do not regard this as in any sense a olitical question but strictly a busines reposition. The United States does no

olicy of Germany, too, is, I think, pretty uch in this direction. Russia, however, her scheme of empire building covets ritory, which is also the French idea ow if with our eyes wide open Russia is lowed to go forward and make whole allowed to go forward and make whole-sale annexations of Chinese territory, we need not be surprised later on to find our manufacturers and merchants unable to do any business in any part of the em-pire. All we ask for is the maintenance of the trenty rights we now enjoy, which gives us an even break with all other na-tions as far as trade is concerned. The trade is what we want and nothing be-yond that.

remarks policy of commercial exclu-veness has been amply demonstrated ithin recent times. Under a late law sly Rosslan ships can sail from ports a the Black Sea to her scaports on the acide. That she would adopt the same urse in China with a velw to monopo-ling the trade is a reasonable deducsing the trade is a reasonable deduc-on. In view of the fact that England is trouble in another part of the world would not be a surprising thing to see increase of Muscovite aggressiveness a region where vast tracts of land have

in these brief remarks. Russia is narrow and selfish to the last degree of her pollcy, and being an autocracy, and her rulers naturally know nothing but their own whims and fancies, any sentiment of lib erty or equal rights to other people is as foreign to a Russian potentate as roses are to the Arctic regions. She occupies territory to make it Russian and to draw from it for herself whatever there is that is valuable, and she has no idea whatever of allowing any part of the rest of the earth to share in anything good that her



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China in all parts that have fallen under Russian authority in her game of grab, imitate her example, that this country will not tolerate any movement whatever that has for a part of its scope the ousting us of any part of the rights that China has secured to us by such treaties. This is not imperialism, It is simply bus

CURRENT TOPICS

The Thanksgiving proclamation of Gov ernor Atkinson, of West Virginia, was dimply a cuotation of twenty-four verses from the Bible. But he gave proper cred-, and a charge of plagarism cannot be

The plurglity of one claimed for Goebel n Kentucky is good enough if its honesty can be maintained, but there comes in the

* * *
The Petershurg Index-Appeal weeps with a dry eve. Hear its wail:

Danville wants a military, company; s does Petersburg, but the military spirit of Virginia is not very flamboyant just now, and we shall probably have to walt.

The Norfolk Landmark thinks that as Senator Marion Butler has come out quarely in opposition to the proposed franhise amendment to the North Carolina constitution, the Charlotte Observer is about right in saying that "after this no well-regulated Democrat can have any doubt as to which side of this question to get on, even if he had any doubt before."

The Memphis Scimitar closes a long lecure to the clergy as follows:

If the clergy have lost influence it is ather because they have departed from he ways which men have always asso-dated in mind with their calling, than by

After giving the whole matter its best hought, the Louisville Dispatch reaches he conclusion that no matter what may have been the opinion of Democrats a rear ago, the second experiment with the locbel election law has undoubtedly de-

SOUTHERN NOTES.

In the test case of George E. Gay at Palatka, arrested for seiling cigarette in contravention of the State law, Judge Hocker of the fifth circuit pronounced the arrest filegal, and discharged the ac-

Thaddeus S. Horton, of the New York Times, who died in that city the other day, was once managing editor of the Arlanta Journal.

of the Confederacy of South Carolina maye just closed a plasant and profitable convention at Greenville.

The finance committee reported the United Daughters of the Confederacy in excellent condition, and recommen that a convention seal be purchase of meeting.

Americus, Ga., or the city authorities are in a jangle with the Christian scientists on the issue of compulsory vaccinatists on the issue of compulsory vaccination. A month ago the City Council adopted an ordinance requiring compulsory vaccination and nearly the entire population have been punctured. Today one of the most estimable and highly respected ladies in Americus, a Christian scientist, was brought before Mayor Hixon for refusing to be vaccinated and, still refusing, the mayor sentenced her to a term of thirty days in the police barracks. Sentence was suspended to give the scientists another chance to be heard, and in the meantime the whole town is excited over the matter.

Many counterfeit dollars are in circulation in Georgia, especially in Rome. The bulk of this queer coin has been put on the market from a certain section of that city, which has made the officials extremely suspicious. The opinion is that a smooth gang of counterfeiters have a plant there or close by, or cise they have confederates in that section. A concerted effort is below made to time them does effort is being made to run them down,

The Alabamians are going to have a ively political time ere long. State and National issues will be discussed by the ablest men in the country, and it will require a prophet to guess what the final upshot will be. Senator Morgan has chalenged Gov. Johnston for a joint debate candidates for the United States Senate.

Ex-Congressman Thomas Settle, of North Carolina, advises the Republicans of his State to leave the proposed disfranchising constitutional amendment alone and make the campaign on sound money, protection, and support of the National Administration's foreign policy. "Let us," he says, "expand our currency, our manufactures, and our country by an adherence to the principles of the National

A Point in Economy. "Mrs. Wiggs is the closest woman or

What has she been doing?" "Why, she won't have her leaves raked up; she says they can be shoveled up with the first snow."-Detroit Free Press,

In Old Rome. The wounded gladiator gazed anxiously at the thumbs of the vast concourse of humanity in the great amphitheatre.

His gaze ranged from Nero, lunching lightly on nightingales' tongues, to the

right off the Ice.
"I am weiting," said he, "for something

to turn uq!"

Then they turned him down.—Indianapolis Journal.

The Troubled Sea,

The leaden clouds hang low O'er the curve of the troubled sea, And the billows come and go. And each has a hope for me.

J am the beaten shore Where the angry billows pound; Stunned by the rush and roar And the trouble that's all around,

But the clouds will blow away, And the clam, blue sea will lie Serene again some day
Beneath an untroubled sky.

-Chicago Times-Herald.

Before my breath the red leaves whirl
Faster and ever faster.
The north wind is my dancing-girl,
And well she knows her master;
I crown her with my only flowers,

Chrysanthemum and aster. Alone with none to love me. I wear a robe of white and gray,
The robe October wove me;
Through all the changing of the hours
The wild geese clang above me.

I strip the last late marigold, I strip the last late management of idim the glowing heather.

I bury 'neath the fresh-turned mould Tansy and thyme together;

I set amid a sky that lowers Red portents of mild weather.

I bid the sourrel leave his mirth
And seek his sleeping-chamber,
I chain the waters of the earth—
And man and maid remember
How fair and gracious were the bowers
Frost-bitten in November. -Nora Hopper in the Westminster Ga-

From Room to Room. "A bill collector is relentless in his pur-

"I don't know. Haven't you ever had a ouse painter chase you around?"—Chica-

Life Insurance Agent (filling out appli-ation)—"Your general health is good, is not?" Applicant-"Never had a sick day in my

Agent-"Um! You do not contemplate ntering upon any hazardous undertaking

suppose?"
Applicant—"Well, yes, I am afraid I do. am soing to get married next Wednes ay."-London Answers. Miss Vassar-"Don't you think Miss

Uncle Solomon—"Oh, yes; a' very sweet poetess, and her cousin, Miss Chalmers, is a charming paintress, and her Aunt Lucrece is an excellent sculptress, and her mother used to be an excellent dishwasherss,"-Hartem Life.

"She is going to have a beautiful picture of her late husband, done in colors to hank in the front reception-room. 'Um. That won't bring him back." "No But it will make him more content to stay where he is."—Brooklyn Life.

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FRESH GOSSIP FROM GOTHAM

Several Great Publishing Houses are Being Consolidated.

BAD BOYS ARE RUNNING RIOT.

History of Bond Purchases in the Past - Satisfactory Bids for City Bonds-Clergyman's Strange Story.

meeting yesterday of the directors of Harper & Bros. George B. M. Harvey, editor and proprietor of the North American Review, was elected president and managing director of the publishing house. Mr. Harvey has purchased a large block Mr. Harvey has purchased a large more of stock in the company, amounting, it is said, to about \$1.00,000 par value, although the stock cost Mr. Harvey about \$150 per share. It is also said that the alliance of the interests of the S. S. McClure Company and of Harper & Bros., which was an-nounced last June, was never actually completed as it did not have the approval of some of the Harpers. At any rate it iblish the North American Review. onel Harvey game to New York from Newark several years ago to become man-aging editor of the World. He held this bost for a time and then went into buspost for a time and then went into suspenses. Later he became private secretary to William C. Whitney, was interested in several of Mr. Whitney's companies and became Mr. Whitney's companies and became Mr. Whitney's employ when he acquired controlling interest in the North American Review. He is about thirty-five years old. He is about thirty-five years old.

BOND BUYING HISTORY. Referring to the recent offer of Secretary Gage to purchase government bonds, correspondent of one of the out-of-town seerning the purchase of bonds in days

to do this. In the Black Friday panic he bought bonds and sold gold in order to break the gold corner which Gould and Fisk had established. The good policy of break the gold corner which toom and Pisk had established. The good policy of his action was never questioned except by the gold ring who suffered by the collapse of the corner. By the way, Ex-Secretary Boutwell, in a current magazine article, tells again the story of Black Friday from the standboint of the Treasury action. The article, while very interesting, contains little that was not known before, except as to the further evidence it presents of the incorruptibility of President Grant. Mr. Boutwell, however, deals very gently with Gould's connection with the gold corner. He seems to think he may have had an honest and valid motive for his conduct. That was not the view taken by James A. Garfield, who was chairman of the Congressional Committee which investigated the gold corner. In his report, which is an absorbingly interesting book, to be found now only in public libraries, Garfield did not hesitate to describe the gold corner as a conspiracy and to speak Garfield did not hesitate to describe the gold corner as a conspiracy and to speak of Gould as "the guilty plotter in all these criminal proceedings." Fut Mr. Gould is dead now, and Mr. Boutwell's view of the case is the most charitable; while if Gould was guilty of conspiracy, his daughter. Helen Gould, is now magnificently aton-

ing for any wrong he may have done.

Notwithstanding the condition of the money market, Acting Comptroller Daly money market, Acting Comptroller Latiy yesterday received satisfactory bids for \$4,765.000 of 3 1-2 per cent, city bonds. The bonds were subscribed for six times over, and Farson, Leach & Co. offered 106.10 for

WONDERFUL CHESS PLAYING.

Pillsbury, the chess expert, recently per-formed a wonderful feat in Newark. He played ten games of blindfold chess simul-taneously against a score or more of very strong players. This, in itself, was an extaneously against a score of more of more strong players. This, in itself, was an extraordinary feat, but Pillsbury's play was of an unprecedentedly brilliant character. After two hours' play he amounced on board four a mate in eight moves, which, considering that he could not see the board and was playing nine other blindfold game at the same time, entitles this performance to be considered the most marvellous ever given by a chess player.

The bad boys of New York are running riot. It was mentioned in this column several days a o that a party of tough boys set upon a citizen of Brooklyn and inflicted inturies which cost him the sight of one of his eyes. Yesterday August Jacobs, thirteen years of age, living at Long Island City, shot Albert Strauss, twelve years of HOOD'S PILLS do not gripe. All drug-

wound. During a street fight between a crowd of boys in Hudson avenue, Brook-lyn, last night. Theodore Cocksalv, thir-teen years old, was fatally stabled with a pocket knife by August Luca, agod four-Senator John El Abearn succeeded by

Not a Candidate-

Editor of The Times:

Sir-I learn that The Times reports me an aspirant for Register of the Land Office. I beg to state that I am not.

L. E. LOOKABILL.

Roanoke, Va., Nov. 16, 1891.

TOBACCO SALE AT CLOVER.

Talk of Compulsory Vaccination on Account of Smallpox. CLOVER, VA., Nov. IL-Special-Then

The smallpex stare confinues and there are some grounds, as the disease is about Scottsburg and in "The Fork." but it is of a very mild nature. The cases are carefully guarded, and the authorities state that there is no more danger of it spreading in these neighbors than of it breaking out at other places.

Compulsory vaccination is talked of, repecially in the public schools.

The schools in and around resert full attendance and encouraging work.

The lodge of A. F. and A. M. gave a suppor at their regular meeting last Mon-

supper at their regular meeting last Mon day night, which was very enjoyable, or

day night, which was very enjoyable, depecially as there were assertal visiting Masons present, among them Mr. Lewis Mason, of Richmond, and Capt. M. French, of Houston, Va. Miss Mary R. Mead of Keswick, Va., will spend the winter at St. Lake's restory.

The Methodist paster, Rev. Mr. Askew, is attending Conference in Patomburg. The evangelist, Rev. Mr. Garland, of Keysville, will commence a satiss of services at the Baptist church on Sunday

MARL BEDS SOLD.

American Cement Co. Buys Land in

Nansemond and Isle of Wight. SUFFOLK, VA., Nov. II.—Special—A deed filed in the clerk's office here records the transfer of several tracts of unimproved real estate in Nansemond and Isle of Wight counties from Harry B. Warner, of Philadelphia, to the American Cement Company, incorporated under the laws of New Jersey. The price was \$44,000. Most of the property brought or leased contains mari beds, which will be utilized in the making of concept. be utilized in the making of cement.

A 2 o'clock fire this morning burned a dwelling occupied by V. W. Cofield and

family. Loss, \$1,000; insurance, \$550.

GLOUCESTER COURTHOUSE, VA., Nov. 17.—Special.—A fire was discovered in the postoffice here yesterday evening shortly after the office was closed. Mr. W. R. Thurston broke open the door and put out the fire which was in the top pigeon hole of the letter cabinet. Very little mail matter was destroyed, but in

Bank notes amounting to eighteen daltion. The fire is unaccountable. office is in the Tidewater Telephone Conpany's building. In 1892 the postoffice was



